

THE PRINCIPAL
ACTS
 OF THE
 General Assembly
 OF THE
CHURCH
 OF
SCOTLAND;

held and begun at *Edinburgh*, upon *Thursday* the 10th
 Day of *May* 1711, And ending the 23 Day of that same
 Month.

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appointing the Queens Commission to the Marquis of
Anandale to be Recorded.

At *Edinburgh*, the 10th *May* 1711. Sess. 1.



THE General Assembly being Con-
 vened and Constituted, there was
 produced to them, by the most Ho-
 nourable, *William* Marquis of *Annan-*
dale Her Majesties Commission, Seal-
 ed at *Edinburgh* the 9th Day of *May*
 current, with the Seal appointed by
 the *Treaty of Union* of the two King-
 doms of *Scotland* and *England*, to be
 kept and used in *Scotland*, in place of the Great Seal of
Scotland, and of the same Tenor with former Commissions,
 Constituting him Her Majesties High Commissioner, and
 Representative in this Assembly, which Commission being
 publicly read, with all due Honour and Respect; It is
 by Order of this Assembly, Recorded in their Books, *Ad*
hunc Regiam Rei Memoriam.

The Queens Gracious Letter
TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Presented 10th May 1711.

A N N E R.

RIGHT Reverend and Well-Beloved, we Greet you well: We have made Choise of our Right Trusty and Entirely Beloved Cousin and Counsellour, *William Marquis of Annandale*, to Represent Our Person in this Assembly, having had former Proofs of his Fidelity to us, and his Affection to the Church of *Scotland*, and his other Abilities for discharging that Trust; Whom we have fully Instructed in what is necessary for the present Exigence; And therefore, you may give him Entire Trust and Credit: We are perswaded from your prudent and calm Proceedings in former Assemblies, that you will at this time go on in the same way, and that you will take care to Plant Vacant Churches with Learned, Diligent and Pious Ministers, to Promote Religion, Suppress Vice and Impiety, and prevent the Growth of Popery and Atheism, and nothing shall be wanting on our part, to convince you of Our Royal Intentions to Protect and Maintain you in the full Possession of your Rights and Priviledges, as by Law Established, and so we bid you heartily Farewell.

Given at our Court at St. James's, the 20 Day of April 1711, and of Our Reign the Tenth Year.

By Her Majesties Command,

QUEENSBERRY,

Directed thus,

To Our Right Reverend and
Well Beloved the Moderator,
Ministers and Elders, of the
Assembly of the Church of
Scotland.

General Assembly, 1711

The General Assemblys Answer,

TO HER

Majesties most Gracious Letter.

Edinburgh, 12 May 1711. Sess. 3.

May it please your Majesty,

THE Gracious Letter, with which your Majesty has been pleased to honour us, was received with all the Duty and Thankfulness, becoming Loyal Subjects; sensible of the great Happiness they enjoy, under the Government of so Good, Just and Wise, a Sovereign.

The renewed Assurances, that your Majesty in your great Goodness has been pleased to give us, of your Royal Intentions, to Protect and Maintain us, in the full Possession of all our Rights and Priviledges, as established by Law, to make us easy amidst all the vain Confidences of those among us, who separat from our Communion, to whom the Advantages we enjoy, under your Majesties Just and Gracious Administration are an Eye Sore, and shall oblige us to carry our selves so, as your Majesty may ever have reason to continue more and more satisfied with our Conduct.

It is our Grief, that your Majesties Zeal for promoting of Piety, Suppressing Immorality and Prophaness, and for bearing down Atheism, Popish Idolatry, and Superstition, hath not obtained the Success, we are assured your Majesty doth earnestly desire, and we heartily wish for, but when your Majesty is not discouraged from renewing your Injunctions as to this important Affair, we shall be inexcusable, if we do not with our outmost Endeavours, second your Majesties pious Inclinations.

The Planting of Vacant Churches with Pious and Learned Ministers, hath always been, and shall be our most serious Endeavours, but we cannot conceal from your Majesty, that in some places we meet with too open and designed Oppositions, however, we are resolved, that how Inhumane soever these Insults be, they shall not discourage us from Obeying GOD and your Majesty, in Promoting so good a Work, not doubting but that your

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Majesties so Gracious and Plain Declaration of your Royal Pleasure to maintain and support us, with the care of those intrusted under you, shall be able through the Influence of your Royal Authority, to give an effectual Cheque to such as openly condemn your Laws, and have too little Regard to the publick Peace.

The Marquiss of *Annandale* having once and again been honoured with the High Character that now he bears, hath given such Proofs of Fidelity to your Majesty, and of his Wisdom in managing such a high Trust, And we have had such Experience of his good Affection to this Church, that the Choice your Majesty has made of him, to Represent your Royal Person in this Assembly, is most acceptable to us, as a further Mark of your Majesties concern for our Ease and Quiet, and doth therefore very readily oblige us, to give him that Trust and Credit, which your Majesty requires.

That your Majesty may be compassed about with Divine Favour, as with a Shield, and always preserved both from Deceit and Violence, for the Protection and Comfort of the Protestant Churches, the Happiness of your People, the Security of the Liberties of Europe, and for procuring thereto a Safe and Honourable Peace, and defeating all the Hopes that Adversaries may have, of Imposing a Popish Successor upon your Dominions; That after a long and happy Reign upon Earth, your Majesty may be possessed of a glorious Immortality, and that the Succession to the Throne after your Majesty, and the Heirs of your Body, in the Protestant Line of the Illustrious Family of *Hanover* by Law Established, may be firm and sure, are and shall be, the Earnest and constant Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesties most Faithful, most Obedient and most Humble Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders, met in this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in Our Presence, in Our Name, and at Our Appointment, By

W. Carstares Moderator.

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General Assembly, 1711.

I V.

Act, Recommending Prayers for the Queen, and for the Succession to the Throne in the Protestant Line, in the House of Hanover.

Edinburgh, 12 May 1711. Sess. 3.

THE General Assembly did by an unanimous Vote, and hereby do, Recommend to all the Ministers of this Church, that in their publick Prayers, after praying for Her Majesty Queen *Anne*, they do expressly mention the Princess *Sophia* Electress, and Dutchess Dowager of *Hanover*, and the Protestant Line in that Family, upon whom the Succession to the Crown of these Dominions, is by Law Established; Or that they pray in such Terms, as their Congregations may understand, that they mean the Princess *Sophia*, and the Heirs of her Body being Protestants.

V.

Act concerning Marriage.

Edinburgh, 16 May 1711. Sess. 6.

THE General Assembly did, and hereby do appoint, that the Acts of the General Assembly concerning Proclamation of Bans be duely observed, and that Enquiry be made, that the persons desiring Marriage, be not within the forbidden Degrees, and be single and free persons, and that all concerned do consent.

V I.

Recommendation, concerning the Administration of the Lords Supper.

Edinburgh May 16 1711. Sess. 6.

THE General Assembly, considering that in some places, the Sacrament of the Lords Supper is Administred only in the Summer Season, wherethrough people are deprived of the Benefit of that Holy Ordinance, during the rest of the Year: Do therefore Recommend to Presbyteries, to do what they can, to get it so ordered, that the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, may be administred in their Bounds, through the several Months of the Year.

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VII

Recommendation, concerning Family-Worship.

Edinburgh, 21 May 1711. Sess. 10.

THE General Assembly, does earnestly Recommend to Presbyteries, to use their outmost Endeavours, that the Worship of GOD be set up, and performed in all its Parts, in the Families within their Bounds, according to former Acts of Assembly, and Directions given, concerning the same.

VIII.

Commission by the General Assembly, to some Ministers and Ruling Elders, for discussing diverse Affairs referred to them.

At Edinburgh, 21 May 1711. Sess. 10.

THE General Assembly taking to their Consideration, that there are several weighty Affairs, which they cannot overtake; Do therefore Nominate and Appoint their Reverend Brethren, Masters, *William Carstairs* Principal of the College of Edinburgh their Moderator, *Thomas Vernour* at Balmaclellan, *Hugh Campbel* at Muirkirk, *Patrick Simson* at Renfrew, *William Mitchel* at Dunder, *John Law* at Edinburgh, *George Hamilton* there, *Andrew Roger* at Galtton, *Henry Osburn* at Turbolton, *John Hunter* at Air, *William Lindsay* at Dundonald, *Samuel Lochart* at Ochiltree, *John Glasgow* at Kilbirnie, *Hugh Thomson* at Kilmaurs, *Thomas Clark* at Ardrossen, *Robert Miller* at Paisley, *John Miller* at Neillstoun, *Walter Menzies* at Erskine, *Robert Wylie* at Hamilton, *Archbald Hamilton* at Cambuslang, *John Wiseman* at Newmunkland, *John Or* at Lanerk, *Thomas Linnen* at Lesmahago, *James Garthshore* at Carmichael, *John Stirling* Principal of the College of Glasgow, *John Simson* Professor of Divinity there, *David Ewing* at Calder, *Alexander Main* at Glasgow, *John Anderson* at Drymen, *John Ritchie* at Old Kilpatrick, *James Lwingston* at Strablen, *Walter Campbel* at Dundon, *Dugald Stewart* at Rorhesay, *Alexander Campbel* at Inverary, *Duncan Campbel* at Kilchrenan, *James Boes* at Campbelton, *Dugala Campbel* at Southhead, *William Brodie* at Fort-William, *Daniel Morison* at Kilbranden, *Marde Mackleod* at Glenelg, *Archbald*

Archibald McQueen at Snizort, Alexander Glass at Kinclaven, John Haker at Keppit, Archibald Campbell at Wecan, David Shaw at Aberdalgie, Andrew Darline at Kinoul, Peter Pilmore at Forgondeny, James Gillespie at Aringask, Robert Gourlie at Tillicoullie, Michael Porter Younger at Kippen, John Logan at Aloa, John Logan at St. Nidan's, John Gray at Dollar, John Murray at Trinitygask, John Drummond at Creiff, Archibald Bowie at Monie, Samuel Charters at Inverkerthing, Alexander Scot at Aberdour, James Cathbert at Culhols, David Pitcairn at Dysert, Henry Dall at Kircaldie, John Auchinleck at Auchterdiren, William Dick at Cowpar, William Knox at Dairsey, William Myles at Moonzie, William Pitcairn at Colassie, James Hadow Principal of the New College of St. Andrews, Joseph Drew Principal of the Leonardine College there, Thomas Halyburton Professor of Divinity at St. Andrews, Walter Wilson at Kilconquhar, Joseph Pitcairn at Kingsbarns, George Blaikie at Inchaurie, James Hodge at Maines, Robert Young at Inverarity, William Stewart at Blairgourie, Adam Davidson at Effie, James Robertson at Kinnell, George Wemyss at Ferne, James Trail at Montrose, Henry Hamilton at Navar, James Mitchel at Dunotar, William Trail at Benhome, James Douglass at Aboynd, James Robertson at Glengairden, Thomas Blackwell at Aberdeen, David Anderson Professor of Divinity in the College of Old Aberdeen, Alexander Mitchel at Belhelvie, William Thain at Lellie, Patrick Coupland at Touch, George Skeen at Kinkell, Alexander Shand, at Inch, James Brown at Aberdour, John Webster at New Deer, Hugh Lickly at Old Meldrum, Robert Vardy at Logiebuchan, Alexander Irving, at Cullen, Peter Darline at Boyndie, John Tarring at Drumbler, Hugh Innes at Mottlith, John Gilchrist at Keith, Alexander Anderson at Duffas, Joseph Sanderson at Alvis, Robert Stephen at Aberlour, James Banerman at Iaveraven, Daniel McKenzie at Finguisse, James Chalmers at Dyke, John Crackat at Dal-lan, William Steuart at Inverness, Alexander Fraser at Croy, John Fraser at Alnes, George Moaro at Nig, David Ross at Tarbat, John Robertson at Larg, Hugh Corss at Bowar, James Oliphant at Wick, John Cob at Deirnesse, Alexander Nisbet at Shappinfrey, James Miln at Lerwick, James Webster at Edinburgh, William Wisheart there, James Heart there, William Mitchel there, Thomas Paterson at West Kirk William Hamilton Professor of Divinity in the College of Edinburgh, John Brown at Abercorn, John Lookup at Mid-Calder, Andrew Barclay at Linlithgow, John Wilkie at Strathbrock, Robert Livingston at Biggar, James Forrester at Coultter, Alexander Walker at Kirkurd, James Gray at Henderlithen, Samuel Mitchelson at Lyne, Patrick Cuming at Ormiston,

Iron, David Walker at Temple, John Williamson at Mussle-
burgh, John Currie at Hadingtoun, Robert Horsburgh at
Saltpreston, James Craig at Yester, Andrew Brown at Spor,
James Nisbet at Inverwick, John Pow at Lennell, Thomas
Anderson at Edrom, George Home at Chirnside, Archibald
Borthwick at Polwarth, John Dawson at Langton, James
Ramsay at Kelso, William Baxter at Ednam, Daniel McKay
at Jedburgh, Thomas Thomson at Suden, Nicol Edgar at
Hopkirk James Ker at Nenthorn, George Logan at Lau-
der, William Hunter at Lilliesleaff, Archibald Deans at Bou-
den, John Mein at Westerkirk, James Currie at Hodholm,
George Muligen at Moffat, James Short at Drysdale, David
Wightman at Applegirth, Robert Paton at Drumfrice, An-
dreu Reid at Kirkbean, John Murdo at Torthorwald,
James Elder at Kier, John Pollock at Glencairn, Andrew
Cameron at Kircudbright, Andrew Ewart at Kells, Alexan-
der Telfer at Rerwick, Thomas Ker at Wigton, Archibald
Haddan at Sorbie, Robert Colvill at Glenluce, and John
Godfry at Laswalt Ministers. His Grace John Duke of Athole,
William Marquiss of Lothian, John Earl of Rothes, David
Earl of Buchan, William Earl of Kilmarnock, John Earl of
Ruglen, Patrick Earl of Marchmont, James Earl of Seafield,
James Earl of Hyndfoord, David Earl of Glasgow, Charles Lord
Yester, William Lord Strathnaver, William Lord Forbes, Will-
iam Lord Ross, Robert Lord Burleigh, Sir Hugh Dalrymple
of North Berwick Lord President of the Session, Sir John
Maxwell of Nether Pollock, Adam Cockburn of Ormi-
ston, Sir Gilbert Eliot of Minto, Sir Alexander Ogilvie of
Forglen, and Mr. John Murray of Bowhill, Six of the Se-
natours of the College of Justice. Sir David Dalrymple of Hales
Her Majesties Advocat, Sir James Steuart late Lord Advo-
cat, Mr. John Campbel of Mamore Brother to the late
Duke of Argyle, Mr. Francis Montgomery of Giffan Bro-
ther to the late Earl of Eglington, Colonel John Erskine
of Carnock, Son to the deceast Lord Cardross, Mr.
John Montgomerie Younger of Giffan, Mr. James Boswal of
Auchinleck Advocat, William Fairly of that Ilk, John
Alexander of Blackhouse, William Muir of Caldwell, Mr.
Walter Steuart Advocat, Sir David Steuart of Culnells,
Hugh Montgomerie of Heartfield, John Aird Provost of Glas-
gow, Sir James Smollet of Bonhill, John Cunninghame of
Ballindalloch, Sir James Campbel of Ardkinlafs, Sir James
Campbel of Auchinbreck, John Campbel of Knockreoch, Do-
ctor William Steuart of Ambrismore, Captain James Men-
zies of Comrie, William Austine Provost of Perth, Co-
lonel John Erskine Governour of Stirling Castle, Sir Hen-
ry Rollo of Woodside, Mr. Alexander Abercrombie of Tulli-
bodie, Mr. Laurence Kier, Mr. Robert Ramsay
Provost

Provost of the Old College of St. Andrews, *Robert War-
roper* Baillie in Dundee, *Arthur Forbes* of Echt, Captain *John
Forbes* of Boyndlie, *John Ross* of Arnage Provost of Aber-
deen, *John Allard* late Provost there, Sir *Henry Innes* of
that Ilk, *Ludowick Grant* of that Ilk, *Joseph Brodie* of Mil-
ton, *Hugh Ross* of Kilravock, Mr. *William Brodie* Advoca-
cat, Sir *Robert Monro* of Foulis, Sir *William Gordon* of
Dalpholly, Mr. *Robert Honyman* of Gremsey, Sir *William
Craigie* of Gairsey, Mr. *John Mitchel* of Westshore Sir *James
Steuart* of Gutters Her Majesties Solicitor, Mr. *Alexander
Dundas* Doctor of Medicine, *Adam Brown* Lord Provost
of Edinburgh, Sir *Patrick Johnston* late Lord Provost of
Edinburgh, *William Livingston* Glover Deacon Conveen-
er there, *Walter Steuart* of Pardiwin, *William Baillie* of
Lamington, Sir *William Menzies* of Gladstones, Sir *John
Clerk* of Penycook, Mr. *James Hamilton* of Pancaitland,
Sir *John Steuart* of Allanbank, *George Baillie* of Jervis-
wood, Sir *John Pringle* of Stichel, Sir *Walter Pringle* Advoca-
cat, Mr. *James Gelly* Advocat, Mr. *James Baillie* Writer
to the Signet, Sir *Thomas Kirkpatrick* of Closeburn, *Robert
Corbet* Provost of Drumsfries, Colonel *William Maxwell* of
Cardinefs, *John Kirkpatrick* Chamberlane to Baldoon, and
Sir *James Agnew* of Lochnew Sheriff Principal of Galloway,
Ruling Elders; To be Commissioners of this Assembly,
to the effect aftermentioned; With full power to the said
persons, or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be
any Thirty One of the said Commissioners, whereof Twen-
ty One are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene
within the Assembly House in *Edinburgh*, the first day af-
ter the Dissolution of this Assembly, at Ten of the Clock in
the Forenoon, and afterward the last Wednesday of *Octo-
ber*, and first Wednesday of *March*, and oftner when
and where they shall think needful and convenient,
with power to the said Commissioners to choise
their own Moderator: And sicklike, the General Assem-
bly fully Impowers and Authorises their said Commission,
or their *Quorum* above mentioned, to Cognosce and Final-
ly Determine as they shall see cause, in every matter re-
ferred, or that shall be referred to them, by any Act or
Order of this Assembly, except it be otherways restricted,
and to do every thing contained in, and conform to the
Instructions to be given them by this Assembly, and to ad-
vert to the Interests of the Church on every occasion,
that the Church and present Establishment thereof, do not
suffer or sustain any prejudice, which they can prevent,
as they will be answerable, providing this general Clause
be not extended to particular Affairs, or Processes before
Presbytries or Synods, that may not be of Universal Con-
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cern to, or Influence upon this whole Church, and it is Declared and Appointed, that what shall be determined at one Diet of the said Commission, shall be unalterable by any other Diet of the Commission, and shall stand and continue in Force, till disapproved by the General Assembly; And the said Commissioners are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other matters, than what are committed or referred to them as above mentioned, and in all their Actings, they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitutions of this Church, and do nothing contrary thereto, or to the prejudice of the same: Declaring that in and for all their Actings, they shall be accountable to, and censurable by the next General Assembly, as they shall see cause; And this Commission is to continue and endure till the next General Assembly, and Members are required to attend the Diets of the said Commission, and Absents therefrom, ordered to be noticed according to the 17th Act of the General Assembly 1706; And for the better securing of a *Quorum* and Attendance of Members on the Commission: The General Assembly prohibits the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, and other Presbyteries within Twelve Miles thereof, to meet any of the Days, or Weeks appointed for the Meetings of the Commission, and such of the Members of these Presbyteries, as are on the Commission, are required all of them, to give punctual Attendance on the Diets thereof, and Presbyteries at a greater distance, who have four or more Members on the Commission, are to take care, that at least two of them attend each Diet of the Commission.

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Instructions by the General Assembly, to their Commission.

At Edinburgh, 21st May 1711. Sess. II.

THE Commission are Appointed and Impowered to take care, that what is enacted and ordered by this Assembly, be duely observed by all concerned.

2. The Commission as often as they see cause, are impowered to apply to Her Majesty, or any Inferiour Magistrat, for their countenanceing of, and concurring with the Judicatories of the Church, in what the Law allows, and for putting in Execution the Laws against Popery and Profaneness, and seeking Redress of Grievances Abuses, and Disorders committed contrary to the Established Doctrine, Worship,

Worship, Discipline, and Presbyterian Government of this Church, the Contempt of the Censures of the Judicatories thereof, inflicted on Scandalous persons, and to assist Presbyteries and Synods in planting Vacant Kirks, as they shall be applyed to by them, for that effect.

3. The Commission are appointed to take care, and do what is proper for them, to preserve and maintain all the Rights and Priviledges of this Church.

4. The Commission are Impowered to send Commissioners to *London* if they shall see cause, to obtain Redress with relation to Popery, Irregularities and other Things, that may be grievous to this Church.

5. When any of the Ministers who served under the late Prelacy, whose Lives and Doctrine may render them useful to this Church, shall apply for Reception into Ministerial Communion, and a Share of the Government of this Church, the General Assembly do hereby Impower and Recommend to their Commission to receive them, according to the 13 Paragraph of the 16 Act of the General Assembly 1697; And the foresaid Commission are to be careful to get due Information from the Presbyteries, where the person applying did, or does officiat, and for the time resides.

6. The Commission are Impowered, to dispose of the Money gifted by Her Majesty, for detraying the Publick Charges of the Church, and in disposing thereof, they are to take care, that the publick Debts of the Church be first payed, and that in the Order, and according to an Act past in the Assembly *Anno* 1709, and the Instructions given to the Commission of the General Assembly held in the year 1706, which are hereby renewed, and that the Encouragement granted by the General Assembly 1699 to Ministers and Probationers who go to the *North*, or to the *Highlands* and *Islands* to Preach, be rendered effectual, that the said Commission cause defray the extraordinary Charges and Expences, that Presbyteries and Ministers have been at, particularly in these places in carrying on the Planting of Churches, and other publick Affairs of the Church there.

7. The Commission are Impowered to Cognosce and finally Determine in all References, already made, or to be made by this Assembly, and in References and Appeals for Transporting Ministers to the *North*, the *Highlands* and *Islands*, which shall be brought before them, according to the Overtures made thereanent *anno* 1699, and Transportations to any Parish in these Places, whither priviledged by former Acts of Assembly or not, are to be carried on, in the most expedite way, providing that the Commission

do not meddle with Sentences of Synods, excepting Causes particularly referred to them.

8. The said Commission are Impowered to appoint Fasts and Thanksgivings, as they shall see occasion, and specify the Causes thereof, and apply to Her Majesty for the Civil Sanction thereto.

9. The Commission are Impowered to give all due Assistance, to any Proposals that may be made to them, about Endeavours for Reformation of Manners, and for the more effectual Curbing and Suppressing of Profaneness and Vice.

10. The Commission are Impowered, to give all due Assistance to any Synod or Presbytery, in difficult Cases, as they shall be applied unto, by them, for that Effect.

11. The Commission are appointed, to take special care to keep and maintain Unity in the Church, upon all Emergents, especially among the Ministers thereof, and to gain such as do separate therefrom, and to Suppress Error and Schism in this Church, and prosecute the Authors and Spreaders of Books and Pamphlets tending thereto, as is by a former Act Recommended to Presbyteries. And to take notice, how any who have been censured by preceeding Assemblies, or Commissions of the same, have carried; and to proceed to further Censure as the Commission shall see cause: And further, this General Assembly does hereby renew the first Paragraph of the 18th Act of the General Assembly held *anno* 1706, concerning Schism and Disorders, and appoints the same to stand, as an Instruction to this Commission.

12. The said Commission are to take notice, of what Misrepresentations shall be made, either at Home or Abroad, of the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, or Constitution of this Church, and to take all decent and proper Methods for the Vindication thereof.

13. The said Commission are to endeavour to make effectual, whatever hath been by this or preceeding Assemblies agreed upon, concerning the Erecting of Schools in the *North, the Highlands and Islands*, and what else may tend to the Advancement of Religion and Reformation in these places, and to keep a Correspondence with the Society, for propogating Christian Knowledge, and their Committee, and to give them all suitable Assistance and Encouragement, according to the 11th Act of the Late General Assembly thereanent, which is hereby renewed.

14. The said Commission are appointed and impowered to use their Endeavours, for getting a Legal School Erected in every Parish according to Law, for put in Execution the 5th Act of the General Assembly held *anno*

1707, Entituled Act anent a School in every Parish, and also to hold hand to the Execution of the 8th Act of that same Assembly, Entituled *Act for Suppressing of Popery, and preventing the Growth thereof*, and likewise the 15th Act of that Assembly, Entituled *Act against Innovations in the Worship of God*.

15. The Commission are appointed to have a special Respect, so far as the present Circumstances do require, to the 9th Act of the General Assembly held in the Year 1703, concerning the planting Vacant Churches in the North, the Highlands and Islands, and supplying thereof with Ministers and Probationers, and the Commission are hereby impowered to proceed, according to the said Act, in so far as they shall find it needfull.

16. The said Commission are Impowered to receive any Representations or References, that shall be made to them by Presbyteries, and others concerned, about large and spacious Parishes, and use all Means proper for them, for obtaining, and also rendering effectual, and preserving new Erections in such Parishes, or Stipends to Collegiat Ministers thereto.

17. The said Commission are Impowered and Appointed to prosecute the Instructions given by the General Assembly held in the Year 1706 to their Commission, in so far as, what is therein appointed, is not already done, and particularly to use all Means in their power for extirpating Idolatrous and Superstitious Practices, and to enquire how former Orders about the same, and concerning the Irish Bibles, Psalm Books, and Catechisms, and Libraries, have been observed, and to dispose upon such of these Bibles, as yet remain, or any Libraries that may come to hand.

18. The said Commission are Impowered to give all due Assistance to the several Universities and Colleges, when any Minister is called to any Office therein, and to receive Appeals and References, and finally to determine in the same.

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Act concerning Probationers, and settling Ministers, with Questions to be proposed to, and Engagements to be taken of them.

At Edinburgh, 22 May 1711.

THE General Assembly, considering the great prejudice, that may arise to this Church, from the Licensing too many Probationers and Persons not duely qualified, do for preventing thereof, Enact and Appoint, that none be admitted to Tryals in order to be Licensed, but such as have attended the Profession of Divinity for six Years, or have closely followed the Study of Divinity, and of the Languages for that space, at least, after they have past their Course of Philosophy at the College, and made Proficiency therein, in case their Circumstances did not allow them to attend the Profession, tho' it were to be desired, that they should attend the Profession of Divinity much of that time, but this shall not be extended to Students having the *triffl* Language, providing that before any Presbytery License such Students within the said Six Years, they first consult the General Assembly or Commission thereof in the matter: And further, the General Assembly do Appoint and Ordain, that none be Licensed in any Presbytery, except they have resided therein for the space of Six Years, or do produce to them sufficient Testimonials from the Presbyteries in whose Bounds they have last, or for the most part resided, bearing expressly, that it is the desire of these Presbyteries, that those Students should be entered upon Tryals, and such Students as come from Abroad, shall produce satisfying Testimonials from the Professors under whom they studied; And the Time of their being Abroad shall be accounted a part of the said Six Years, but none of these Students shall be entered on Tryals, for the space of a whole Year after they come to Scotland: And the General Assembly does also Appoint and Ordain, that the above space of Six Years being expired, and Testimonials produced in manner foresaid, the Presbytery which is to take the Tryal of these Students, shall before they enter them upon Tryals in order to be Licensed, write Letters to all the other Presbyteries within the Synod, acquainting them with their Design, And at the next meeting of the Synod, they shall also acquaint the Synod thereof, and obtain their special Advice and Judgement in that Particular; And the Assembly considering that it is of great Importance and Advantage to

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this Church, that none be Licensed to Preach the Gospel as a Probationer, or be settled in the Ministry, but such as are duly qualified for that Holy Work; They do seriously recommend to all Presbyteries, the punctual Observance of all Acts already made concerning Probationers and Intrants to the Ministry: And further, that before any Presbytery receive any upon Tryals, in order to his being Licensed, they Appoint Three or Four of their Number privately to converse with him, and to take Tryal of his Orthodoxie, Knowledge in Divinity, particularly the Modern Controversies, and other necessary Qualifications for the Ministry, and what Sense and Impressions he has of Religion upon his own Soul, and that they make Report of their Diligence herein, before the Presbytery admit him to the Probationary Tryals: And moreover, the General Assembly finding it inconvenient, that the Calls of Paroches to Probationers, be lodged in their hands before their Tryals in order to Ordination be over, and untill the Presbytery be satisfied both as to their Sufficiencie, and Fitness for these Paroches, to which they are called; Therefore, they do hereby discharge Presbyteries, to put the Call of any Paroch into the hands of the Probationer called, and Appoint them to keep the same still in their own hands untill the said Probationers Tryals be all over, and that the Presbytery be fully satisfied, both as to his Sufficiency and Fitness, for that Paroch: And the General Assembly judging it fit, that the same Method should be followed in all Presbyteries as to the Questions put to, and Engagements taken of Probationers when Licensed, and Ministers when Ordained or Admitted, and that Probationers and Ministers, should not only give sufficient Proof of their Piety, Literature, and other good Qualifications for the Ministry, but also come under Engagements to adhere to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Government of this Church; Do therefore Enact and Appoint, that the following Questions, be put to all such as pass Tryals in order to be Licensed, as also to such, as shall be Ordained Ministers, or Admitted to any Ministerial Charge, or Paroch, and that they shall subscribe the Formula after set down, before they be Licensed, Ordained or Admitted respectively; And the General Assembly hereby strictly Prohibits and Discharges, the Licensing, Ordaining, or Admitting of any, who shall not give satisfying Answers to these Questions, and subscribe the Formula hereto subjoined.

Questions

Questions to be put to all Probationers for the Holy Ministry, before they be Licensed to Preach the Gospel.

1^{mo}. Do you beleave the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, to be the Word of GOD, and the only Rule of Faith and Manners?

2^{do}. Do you sincerely own and beleave, the whole Doctrine of the Confession of Faith, approven by the General Assemblies of this National Church, and Ratified by Law in the Year 1690, and frequently confirmed by diverse Acts of Parliament since that time, to be the Truths of GOD, contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and do you owne the whole Doctrine therein contained, as the Confession of your Faith.

3^{do}. Do you sincerely owne the Purity of Worship, presently authorised and practised in this Church, and asserted in the Fifteenth Act of the General Assembly One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven, Entituled *Act against Innovations in the Worship of GOD*: And do also owne the Presbyterian Government, and Discipline now so happily Established in this Church; And are you perswaded that the said Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Church Government are founded upon the Holy Scriptures, and agreeable thereto.

4^{do}. Do you promise that through the Grace of GOD, you will firmly and constantly adhere to, and in your Station to the outmost of your Power Assert, Maintain and Defend the said Doctrine, Worship and Discipline, and the Government of this Church by Kirk-Sessions, Presbyteries, Provincial Synods, and General Assemblies.

5^{do}. Do you promise, that in your Practice, you will conform your self to the said Worship, and submit your self to the said Discipline and Government of this Church, and shall never endeavour directly nor indirectly the Prejudice, or Subversion of the same.

6^{do}. Do you promise, that you shall follow no Divisive Course, from the present Establishment in this Church.

7^{mo}. Do you renounce all Doctrines, Tenets, or Opinions whatsoever contrary to, or inconsistent with the said Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Government of this Church.

8vo. Do you promise that you will subject your self to the several Judicatories of this Church, and are you willing to subscribe to these things.

Questions to be put to Ministers, at their Ordination.

1mo. Do you beleive the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, to be the Word of GOD, and the only Rule of Faith and Manners.

2do. Do you sincerely owne and beleive, the whole Doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith, approved by the General Assemblies of this Church, and Ratified by Law in the Year 1690, to be founded upon the Word of GOD, and do you acknowledge the same as the Confession of your Faith, and will you firmly and constantly adhere thereto, and to the utmost of your Power Assert, Maintain and Defend the same, and the Purity of Worship as presently practised in this National Church, and asserted in the Fifteenth Act of the General Assembly One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven, Entituled, *Act against Innovations in the Worship of GOD.*

3tio. Do you disown all Popish, Arian, Socinian, Arminian, Bourignon, and other Doctrines, Tenets and Opinions whatsoever contrary to, and inconsistent with the foresaid Confession of Faith.

4to. Are you perswaded, that the Presbyterian Government and Discipline of this Church, are founded upon the Word of GOD, and agreeable thereto, and do promise to submit to the said Government and Discipline, and to concur with the same, and never to endeavour directly nor indirectly the Prejudice or Subversion thereof, but the utmost of your power in your Station, to maintain support and defend the said Discipline, and Presbyterian Government, by Kirk-Sessions, Presbyteries, Provincial Synods, and General Assemblies, during all the Days of your Life.

5to. Do you promise to submit your self willingly, and humbly in the Spirit of Meekness, unto the Admonitions of the Brethren of this Presbytery, and to be subject to them, and all other Presbyteries, and Superior Judicatories of this Church, where GOD in His Providence shall cast your Lot, and that according to your Power, you shall maintain the Unity and Peace of this Church, against Error and Schism, notwithstanding of whatsoever Trouble or Persecution may arise, and

that you shall follow no divisive Courses from the present Established Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Government of this Church.

6th. Are not Zeal for the Honour of GOD, Love to JESUS CHRIST, and Desire of saving Souls your great Motives, and chief Inducements, to enter into the Function of the Holy Ministry, and not Worldly Desires and Interest.

7th. Have you used any undue Methods, either by your self or others, in procuring this Call.

8th. Do you engage in the Strength and Grace of JESUS CHRIST Our LORD and Master, to rule well your own Family, to live a holy and circumspect Life, and faithfully, diligently and cheerfully, to discharge all the parts of the Ministerial Work, to the Edification of the Body of CHRIST.

9th. Do you accept of, and close with the Call to be Pastor of this Parish, and promise through Grace to perform all the Duties of a faithful Minister of the Gospel among this People.

Questions to be put to a Minister already Ordained, at his Admission to a Paroch.

YOU having been already Ordained a Minister of the Gospel of CHRIST, it is supposed that the usual Questions on such Occasions were put to you, and that you did then declare &c. (here the Questions put to Ministers at their Ordination are to be repeated) and then say, and do you not now consent and adhere to these Declarations, Promises and Engagements, and accept of, and close with the Call to be Minister of this Paroch, and promise through Grace to perform all the Duties of a Faithful Minister of the Gospel among this People.

Formula, to be subscribed by all such as shall pass Tryals, in order to be Licensed, and that shall be Ordained Ministers, or admitted to Paroches.

I Do hereby declare, that I do sincerely Own and Believe the whole Doctrine, contained in the Confession of Faith, Approven by the General Assemblies of this National Church, and Ratified by Law in the Year One Thousand

Thousand Six Hundreded and Ninty, and frequently confirmed by diverse Acts of Parliament since that time, to be the Truths of GOD, and I do owne the same as the Confession of my Faith: As likewise, I do owne the Purity of Worship, presently authorized and practised in this Church, and also the Presbyterian Government & Discipline now so happily established therein, which Doctrine, Worship and Church Government, I am perswaded are founded upon the Word of God, & agreeable thereto, & I promise that through the Grace of God, I shall firmly and constantly adhere to the same, and to the outmost of my power, shall in my Station Assert, Maintain, and Defend the said Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government of this Church by Kirk-Sessions, Presbyteries, Provincial Synods, and General Assemblies, and that I shall in my Practice conform my self to the said Worship, and submit to the said Discipline and Government, and never endeavour directly nor indirectly the Prejudice or Subversion of the same; And I promise that I shall follow no divisive Course from the present Establishment in this Church, Renouncing all Doctrines, Tenets and Opinions whatsoever contrary to, or inconsistent with the said Doctrine, Worship, Discipline or Government of this Church.

X I.

Act concerning Beggars.

Edinburgh, 22 May 1711. Sess. 12.

THE General Assembly recommends to Presbyteries to apply to the Justices of the Peace, and other Magistrates to put in Execution, the Laws concerning the Poor, and Vagrant Beggars, and providing Work and Maintenance for them.

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Act concerning Students of Divinity, and others who go Abroad to Preach the Gospel.

Edinburgh, 23 May 1711. Sess. 13.

THE General Assembly being informed, that some have gone from this Church into other Countries, and there take upon them to Preach the Gospel, who have either been Deposed from the Ministry by the Judicatures
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of this Church for Scandals, they were found guilty of, or have pretended to a Licence, when they were not Licensed, or who upon their Application to the Judicatures of this Church, have not been admitted to Tryals, or upon Tryals have not been found fit and worthy to be Licensed to Preach, yet do retire to other Countries, where they are not so well known, in order to enter on Tryals, and after they are Admitted in Foreign Places, do not recommend themselves by a Holy Life, and Ministerial Conversation, to the Reproach of the Church of Scotland, where they were Educated: Therefore, and for Vindication of this Church, and to prevent as much as possible the Evils that may arise from such Practices, they hereby forbid and Discharge all Young Men Educated in this Church, or Students of Divinity, to go to Foreign Places, and there offer themselves to Tryals, for Licence to Preach the Gospel, and Ordination to the Holy Ministry, unless they carry along with them sufficient Testimonials from the Professors of Divinity under whom they Studied, if they have attended the Profession of Divinity, and from the Minister of the Paroch and Presbytery of the Bounds where they resided, and Presbyteries are discharged to grant such Testimonials, except upon due Enquiry into the persons Life and Conversation; Soundness in the Faith, Proficiency in Studies, and Abilities and Fitness for the Ministerial Function; And appoints the Commission to acquaint Ministers in Foreign Places where such Practices may fall out, with this Act, and advertise them what Testimonials they ought to receive.

XIII.

Act concerning the receiving of Strangers into Church Communion, and Baptising their Children.

Edinburgh 23 May 1711, Sess. 13 & Ultima.

THE General Assembly considering, that all due Encouragement ought to be given to persons Educated in other Protestant Churches, who have come, or may come to reside in this Country, and may incline to Join in Communion with this Church; Therefore they hereby recommend to all Ministers, in whose Parishes any such Strangers may happen to reside, to shew all Tenderness to them, when they come to desire the Benefit of Sealing Ordinances, and if such Strangers being free of Scandal, and

and professing their Faith in Christ, and Obedience to him, shall desire Baptism to their Children, Ministers shall cheerfully comply with their Desire in Administering the Sacrament of Baptism to their Children, upon the Parents engaging to Educate them in the Fear of GOD, and Knowledge of the Principles of the Reformed Protestant Religion.

XIV.

Act concerning the Inspection of Universities, and Colleges.

Edinburgh 23 May 1711. Sess. 13 & Ult.

THE General Assembly recommends to the several Presbyteries, within whose Bounds Colleges or Universities are, to take particular care, that all the Masters thereof, do Acknowledge, Profess, and Subscribe, in manner appointed by the Sixth Act of the Parliament One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven, Entitled *Act for Securing the Protestant Religion and Presbyterian Church Government*, and to take special notice of what is taught in Colleges and Universities, and that nothing be taught therein, contrair to, or inconsistent with the Confession of Faith of this Church, or to the Worship, Discipline or Government of the same, and to observe the Morals and Conversation both of Masters and Scholars, and that they apply first to the Faculty of the Universities or Colleges for Redress, and in case any Difficulties do occur to Presbyteries, which they cannot overcome, they are appointed to lay the same before the Synod of the Bounds, General Assembly, or Commission thereof, who are to consider any Representations that shall be laid before them by Presbyteries, with Relation to these Things, and to give their Advice and Assistance therein.

XV.

Act concerning Preaching in Vacant Churches.

Edinburgh May 23 1711. Sess. 13 & Ult.

THE General Assembly considering, that it tendeth much to the Quiet and Peace of this Church, that all the Ministers thereof, take care to observe good Order; Do therefore prohibite and discharge any Minister to take upon him to preach in any Vacant Congregation, not within the Bounds of his own Presbytery, without an Invita-

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XVI.

Act appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.

Edinburgh 23 May 1711. Sess. 13 & Ult.

THE General Assembly of this Church, is appointed to be holden at *Edinburgh* the first Thursday of May next, One Thousand Seven Hundered and Twelve Years,

This General Assembly was concluded with Prayer, Singing of the 122 Psalm, from the Third Verse to the Close, and pronouncing of the Blessing.

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Reference to the Commission in favours of *Mr. Thomas Elder*, Impowering them upon satisfying Grounds, to take off the Sentence of Deposition against him. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission, of a Process against *Mr. John Dunlop*, *Mr. John Taylor* Ministers, and *Mr. John Gray* Clerk to the Presbytery of *Lochmaben*, for giving out wrong Extracts, of that Presbyteries Procedure. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Glasgow* and *Air*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, *Fife*, *Aberden*, *Murray*, *Ross*, *Caithness* and *Orkney*, Examined and Attested, with a Disapprobation of the Synod of *Aberden* and *Murray*, their not using the Assemblies Formula in Attesting Presbytery Books, and *Aberdens* continuing *Mr. James Shand* under Tryals, after he was Ordained, and *Murrays* not having an Irish Bursar. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission, to proceed to censure *Mr. John McNelly*, who continues to Preach after his Licence is declared Null. *May 21 1711 post meridiem* Sess. 12.

Reference to the Commission for assisting *Mr. Mackie* Minister to get Possession of the Kirk of *Balmagbie*, & payment of the Stipend. *Ibid.*

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Overture anent Testimonials to Students of Divinity, who go to Forreign Parts, and another concerning the Admission of Strangers to the Communion of this Church, read and ordered to ly on the Table, till another Meeting, that Members may consider the same. *Ibid.*

A Committee adjoined to the Presbytery of *Penpont*, to consider of the Call of *Closburn* to Mr. George Mair, and Instructions thereto. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission, for planting the Vacant Parish of *Dalmenie*. *Ibid.*

Overture anent Preaching in Vacancies read a first Time, and ordered to ly on the Table till another meeting. *ib.*

Reference to the Commission, to enquire why Proclamations concerning Fasts and Thanksgivings, come not more timeously to Ministers to hands, and anent dispatching thereof. *Ibid.*

Recommendation to Professors of Divinity, to write a Refutation of the Errors of *Antonia Bourignon*. *Ibid.*

The Books of the Synods of *Lothian* and *Tweedale*, *Merse* and *Teviotdale*, and *Galloway* examined and Attested. *Ibid.*

And the Book of the Synod of *Drumfrice* not being produced, they are appointed to take care that the same be filled up, and brought to the next General Assembly, according to the 11 Act General Assembly 1698. *Ibid.*

An Overture anent the more frequent Administration of the Sacrament of the LORDS Supper, read a first time. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission, anent sending a Committee to the *Highlands*. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission concerning School Masters in Popish Countries, particularly at *Bellie*. *Ibid.*

Recommendation to the several Synods in favours of *Fergus Shaw* for Charity, with an Act for a Contribution in the Assembly, for his present Relcief. *Ibid.*

Recommendation to Ministers and Kirk-Sessions within the Bounds of the Synods of *Glasgow* and *Air*, *Merse* and *Teviotdale*, *Fife*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, in favours of *William Tait*, for charitable Supply. *Ibid.*

The Recommendation of the General Assembly 1708, in favours of *Edward Wallace*, for Charity, renewed. *Ibid.*

The Queens Commissioner did acquaint the General Assembly, that Her Majesty had received their Answer to Her Gracious Letter, and had favourably accepted the same. May 23 1711. Sess. Ult.

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Reference to the Commission, to bring in Overtures to the next General Assembly, for preventing Irregular Marriages, and censuring these guilty. *Ibid.*

A List of Probationers for the Holy Ministry, and Students of Divinity brought in and read, and ordered to be recorded. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission concerning Bursaries, and punctual payment of Bursar Dues, and to bring in Overtures for the better Regulation thereof, particularly as to what may be the best way of Disposing of that part of the Presbytery Bursaries, which is not appropriated to Students having Irish, with power to transmit these Overtures to Presbyteries, in order to return their Opinions about the same, to the next General Assembly. *Ibid.*

Recommendation to Presbyteries, that as soon as they can, they do return full and particular Answers to the Letters sent to them concerning Churches, that were of the Queens Presentation, and the Vacancies thereof. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission of a Letter from *Alexander Buchan* Minister at *Hirta*, with a power to give him all suitable Encouragement. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission in favours of Mr. *Charles Primrose*, concerning his Claim on the publick Money. *Ibid.*

Overtures concerning the more frequent Administration of the LORDS Supper read a second time, and transmitted to Presbyteries. *Ibid.*

Recommendation to Deficients in bringing in their Collections, for these in *Cannongate* who suffered by the late Fire there, yet to bring in the same. *Ibid.*

Act Impowering the Commission to take under consideration, all Affairs depending before the late Commission, in so far as the same are not yet discuss'd. *Ibid.*

Committee for revising the Minuts of this Assembly, and giving Orders about printing the publick Acts thereof. *Ibid.*

Protestation the Town of *Edinburgh* against the Parish of *Carstairs*, for not insisting in their Appeal anent Transporting Mr. *John Macktaran* to *Edinburgh*. *Ibid.*

The Minuts of this last Sederunt read. *Ibid.*

The Moderators Speech at closing the Assembly to the Members, and to His Grace the Queens Commissioner. *Ibid.*

His Grace Her Majesties High Commissioners Speech to the General Assembly, after they had gone through their whole Work. *Ibid.*

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